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SUBJECT: OPENING OF PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN BRASOV

IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY OF THIS MOUNTAIN AREA'S LEADING SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, MEDIA, INDUSTRIAL, AND POLITICAL FIGURES, PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT OPENED IN BRASOV, ROMANIA, ON MAY 24 AT 1200 HOURS AT THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED UNIVERSITY OF BRASOV. AMEMBASSADOR HARRY G. BARNES, JR., ACCOMPANIED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL, HEADED THE OFFICIAL U.S. PARTY AT THE OUTDOOR CEREMONY AND THE ACTIVITIES WHICH FOLLOWED.

SOME 300 PEOPLE HEARD MR. MIRCEA SUMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BRASOV COUNTY COUNCIL, DELIVER OPENING REMARKS WHICH EMPHASIZED ROMANIA'S DESIRE TO BE SATISFIED "ONLY WHEN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVES US CLEAN AIR AND WATER, ONLY WHEN THE BIOLOGICAL EQUILIBRIUM IS NO LONGER MENACED BY INDUSTRIAL WASTES."

IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR BARNES NOTED THAT IT "IS HIGHLY APPROPRIATE THAT THIS GREAT INDUSTRIAL CENTER SHOULD PLAY HOST" TO THE EXHIBIT. CITING THE UNITED STATES EXPERIENCE IN THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HE STATED THAT THE "TECHNOLOGY, WHICH MADE INDUSTRIAL GROWTH POSSIBLE, IS NOW BEING USED TO CONTINUE THAT GROWTH, BUT IN WAYS WHICH WILL PROTECT OUR IRREPLACEABLE NATURAL RESOURCES."

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THE AMBASSADOR COMPLETED HIS REMARKS BY COMMENDING THE FORMATION OF BOTH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN ROMANIA AS SIGNS OF THE RECOGNITION OF "THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING AND RESTORING THE ENVIRONMENT." FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THERE WAS A BUFFET HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR BARNES IN HONOR OF THE ROMANIAN OFFICIALS.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT FOR BOTH THE OPENING AND BUFFET WERE SOME 34 MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS EXCHANGE PROGRAM ZQO REPRESENT MANY LEADING NEWSPAPERS FROM VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE GROUP IS TRAVELING THROUGHOUT EASTERN EUROPE FIRST HAVING VISITED RUSSIA AND HUNGARY AND, AFTER ROMANIA, COMPLETEING THEIR STUDY TRIP IN TURKEY.

DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE EXHIBIT WILL BE IN BRASOV, THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES WILL BE PROVIDING SOME EIGHT BUSES TO RUN EVERY TEN MINUTES TO CARRY PEOPLE TO THE EXHIBIT SITE. IN ADDITION, LETTERS OF INVITATION HAVE BEEN SENT TO SCHOOL INSPECTORS INVITING THEM TO SEND SCHOOL CHILDREN TO THE EXHIBIT.

FIRST DAY ATTENDANCE WAS 3600 PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY A SUNDAY, MAY 26, ATTENDANCE OF 4,500.

THE EXHIBIT WILL REMAIN IN BRASOV UNTIL JUNE 9, AFTER WHICH IT WILL MOVE TO ITS FINAL SITE IN ROMANIA, THE BLACK SEA PORT AND RESORT TOWN OF CONSTANTA, WHERE IT WILL OPEN ON JUNE 28.
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